



EUROPE DRIFTING TOWARD GENERAL CONFLAGRATION

Real Armageddon Believed Inevitable in Constantinople—Sultan Is Advised to Side with Triple Alliance.

FOR TURKEY'S OWN PROFIT

"The Times," of London, Blames Continental Diplomats for Threatening Situation—"Pall Mall Gazette" Emits War Whoop.

ENGLAND IS FOR PEACE

British Government Said to Have Stated She Will Not Fight in Support of Serbia's Demand for an Adriatic Port.

London, Nov. 27.—The Constantinople correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph" sends the following dispatch:

Turkey is rapidly drifting toward the Triple Alliance. A rupture of the armistice negotiations is regarded as imminent and certain.

"Both government organs, 'Ikdam' and 'Sabah,' employ unusual frankness in discussing the situation. They assert that while the Triple Entente (Great Britain, France and Russia) is urging the Porte to conclude peace, the Triple Alliance (Austria, Germany and Italy) advises resistance, and, foreseeing a general war, both papers argue that Turkey should profit thereby to secure the best possible bargain when the settlement comes to be discussed by the European conference. This, they declare, can best be attained by throwing the Turkish military strength on the side of the Triple Alliance."

No Nation Wants War.

The Liberal press in London is unanimous in urging Great Britain to preserve neutrality. The majority of the Conservatives demand the same policy. "The Times," declaring that none of the European peoples wants war, says: "Yet that is whether the nations are blindly drifting."

It asks: "Who, then, makes war?" and replies: "The answer is to be found in the chancelleries of Europe, among the men who too long have played with human lives as pawns in a game of chess and who have become so enmeshed in the formulas and the jargon of diplomacy that they have ceased to be conscious of the poignant realities with which they traffic."

"The Pall Mall Gazette" almost alone speaks in a warlike voice. It declares: "England ought to act firmly with France and Russia in refusing simply to be swept aside. If the conference desired by the British government is refused we ought to face the alternative and stand by our friends."

As to Mobilization.

The mobilization of the Austrian and Russian armies requires weeks for what Germany and France can accomplish in days. In Russia's case this is on account of the great distances the troops must travel; in Austria's because the units of the army are on a peace footing, which is only one-third of their war strength. Therefore considerations of safety compelled them to begin

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ROBERT COLLYER ILL

Family Fear for Pastor Emeritus of Church of Messiah.

The Rev. Robert Collyer, pastor emeritus of the Unitarian Church of the Messiah, is seriously ill at his home, No. 201 West 55th street, where he has been confined to his bed for the last two weeks. On account of his great age—he is eighty-nine years old—fears are entertained as to his recovery, and his family are constantly at his bedside.

According to Dr. Robert H. Wylie, the Collyer family physician, the aged preacher's complete recovery is impossible. Dr. Collyer received a paralytic stroke on November 1, and but for the fact that he is gifted with remarkable vitality would probably have succumbed.

The Rev. Robert Collyer is one of the most renowned men of his profession in this country. He was born in England, and began life as a blacksmith. He came to the United States in 1847, and has been associated with the Church of the Messiah since 1879.

NO TURKEY FOR WILSON

President-Elect Shuns Cold Storage Birds of Bermuda.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Nov. 26.—The health of President-elect Wilson showed improvement to-day, but he decided to remain at home all day so as to recover fully from the attack of indigestion which affected him yesterday.

Thanksgiving Day will find Mr. Wilson and his family deprived of a turkey, as there is none available in the island except birds kept in cold storage. Mr. Wilson, however, is cheerful about the matter, and says that it is the company and not the food that makes the dinner.

The President-elect and Mrs. Wilson and their two daughters were the guests at dinner to-night of Sir George M. Bullock, the Governor. This was the first big social function since the arrival of the distinguished Americans and was attended by many officials and army and navy officers.

The Governor's home was decorated with British and American flags and the tables were loaded with flowers. Toasts were given to King George, President Taft and the President-elect.

20,000 TURKEYS IN TROT

Gov. Colquitt and Staff Head Parade of Texas Gobbles.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Cuero, Tex., Nov. 26.—More than twenty thousand turkeys trotted through the streets of Cuero to-day to the music of the 3d United States Cavalry band, which came from Fort Sam Houston especially for the event.

The parade was more than two miles long. Riding in an automobile at its head was Governor O. B. Colquitt and members of his military staff, each resplendent in uniform. The assembling place of the turkeys was near the town. Farmers began to drive them in from the surrounding territory early yesterday morning.

To keep the thousands of gobblers in line as they followed the route of the parade required the services of more than two hundred men and boys. Even this precaution did not prevent many of the birds from escaping into the crowds that lined the streets.

CHILD HURT SAVING DOLL

Hit by Train as She Rescues Plaything from Track.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] South Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 26.—Mary Fitzgerald, a small child of this place, probably gave her life for her doll this afternoon. The doll is safe, but the child is in the Norwalk Hospital in a very serious condition. Her legs have been cut off at the knee and her right arm is broken. The doctors say there is little chance of her recovery.

The little girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Fitzgerald, were moving to-day, and to lighten their burden and to assure their safe removal Mary took it in her arms. While improvements are in progress at the local station the railroad has removed the dividing fences between the stations. Mary started to cross the four tracks when a train passed. She ran forward, reaching the far side safely, but she had dropped her doll, and she turned back to recover it from the path of a second train. The doll was saved, but the freight struck the child and knocked her twenty feet away. She was picked up unconscious and removed to the hospital.

COWBOY TO BE OPERA STAR

Dippel Makes a "Find" in "Bill" Pruitt, of Montana.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Chicago, Nov. 26.—"Bill" Pruitt, the Montana cowpuncher, whose tenor voice has caused favorable comment at the Coliseum Land Show, learned to-day that he has the making of a grand opera star. Andreas Dippel, grand opera director, opened his eyes to his talents.

Pruitt, who is just over twenty-one years old, left last night with his ranch mates for Helena to gain his mother's consent to accept Mr. Dippel's proposition to study in Europe.

The discovery of Pruitt by Mr. Dippel resulted from a joke. The cowboy band of which Pruitt is the soloist decided to serenade the opera stars. They went to the Auditorium in a body, dressed in chaps and buckskins. Pruitt opened up with "Montana," the band's favorite. Then he sang "My Hero," from "The Chocolate Soldier."

Mr. Dippel thought so well of Pruitt's voice that he made him the offer of study in Europe.

COMMUTERS CALL ROAD A "CANCER"

Mellen's Line Denounced Also as "Financial Despot Worse than Czar" and a "Thousand Armed Octopus."

NORWALK MASS MEETING

City Officials and Ministers Lend Presence to Indorse Protest—Safety "Religiously Neglected," Say the Resolutions.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] South Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 26.—The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was likened to a "cancer of imperialism," to a "financial despot, worse in its grasp than the Czar of Russia," and to a "thousand-armed octopus which disregarded the public entirely," at a citizens' meeting held in Norwalk to-night.

This mass meeting, which was termed "epical, significant and serious," in that it was the first gathering of its character called since the inception of the railroad, in 1847, was held in Lockwood's Hall, the largest in the city, and was attended by about eight hundred of the prominent men of the place and commuters on the railroad. On the stage were the Mayor and other city officials and the ministers of the town.

The remarks of the speakers were enthusiastically received and resolutions were adopted condemning the railroad for its mismanagement, as demonstrated in the recent series of accidents and demanding more protection for the travelling public.

All the speakers remarked that the meeting was not called to dictate to the railroad how it should run its business, but to exercise the public's constitutional right to suggest, protest and petition.

The meeting was the result of a pulp announcement from the churches of the town, backed by the indorsement and support of the boards of trade. The Rev. L. B. Howell, rector of St. Paul's Church, presided, and the speakers included Mayor Edward J. Finnegan, Representative-elect Lynn W. Wilson, of Bridgeport; the Rev. James Benton Werner, the Rev. Lincoln Hollister Caswell, Louis A. Lehman, the father of the movement of protest, and John J. Walsh, a lawyer. Numerous letters of indorsement were also read.

Pledged Against Slaughter.

Mayor Finnegan said he was in sympathy with the movement and he and the Common Council of the city were pledged to do anything in their power to end the slaughter of the innocent and to make the railroad do what was right.

Representative-elect Wilson said the movement did not intend to abuse anybody, but was called to exercise the sovereign right of the American people. He cited the numerous accidents, coming one upon the other in spite of recommendations made in each instance which, if carried out, would have made a repetition impossible.

The Coroner had recommended many things, such as metal cars, more help, longer cross-overs, etc., yet the utilities commission of the state had seen fit to order only the last named remedy. It was up to the public, he said, to see that the Public Utilities Commission of the state did its duty and demanded such things as would safeguard the public. It was the aggrandizement policy of the railroad, he asserted, and its watered stock which caused a cutting down of all running expenses which resulted in the accidents.

"Something is rotten in Denmark," said the Rev. Mr. Werner, who added that the series of wrecks was simply scandalous and the present conditions on the railroad were intolerable. "We have to use the railroad, and we should have some reasonable guarantee of safety."

The Rev. Mr. Caswell was glad to be on the side of humanity, and was glad to indorse the attitude of the meeting. Mr. Lehman did not mean to attack the railroad, but he declared they did not do all that they could to protect the travelling public, the meeting was to insist that they do so.

Would Re-Enact Law.

It was Mr. Walsh, the former chairman of the State Democratic Committee, who used the hottest shot. He submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted with great enthusiasm and prolonged applause:

Resolved, That this is a state that puts itself on record as advocating the re-enactment of a railroad law in this state that will give opportunity for real competition with the consolidated road, for both steam and electric railways, and pledge ourselves to use our influence with the coming Legislature to secure such a law.

Mr. Walsh spoke of the seriousness of the situation and the importance of the meeting—the first in the history of the railroad. Death was a serious matter. All the suggestions of the evening were true, he said, but the root of the evil was the absolute control the railroad had of the state Legislature, and therefore of the people of the state. He likened it to the undisputed and undying rule of the Czar. The road had control bodily, financially and spiritually these days.

The state was helpless in the grasp

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"Assuredly a novelty. Will give the Little Theatre's clientele something to talk about," says the Eve. Sun of "Anatol." Adv.

MAY GIVE WILSON TWO YEARS MORE

Members of House Planning to Extend His Term as President and Prohibiting His Re-election.

WILL NEED QUICK ACTION

Representatives Say Constitutional Amendment Can Be Submitted to the People in Time if Passed Before March 4.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Nov. 26.—One term of six years for President Woodrow Wilson is now the scheme of members of the House, who will try to push to early passage the Clayton resolution limiting the tenure of office of the President of the United States.

The extension of the four-year term of President Wilson, it is argued, may be submitted to the people for ratification at the same time Congress submits the proposed amendment to the Constitution providing that no one who has served as President of the United States shall be eligible for re-election.

Representative Clayton, author of the resolution and chairman of the Judiciary Committee, which presented a favorable report to the House, said to-day that he was not averse to an amendment prolonging by two years the term of Mr. Wilson and making him ineligible thereafter for election as Chief Executive. In fact, Mr. Clayton indicated that his resolution might be perfected to bring about just this change.

Will Ask for Special Rule.

Mr. Clayton will ask for a special rule from the Rules Committee making privileged his one-term resolution, which is now on the House calendar, but which might not be reached in the regular routine of business during the approaching session of Congress.

It is desired, if possible, to obtain the adoption of this resolution during the short session, in order that it may be promptly submitted to the states for ratification. With fairly quick work by the states the proposed change in the Constitution may be accomplished within the next four years and before the quadrennial campaign for President.

"The language of the one-term resolution," said Mr. Clayton to-day, "is subject to amendment. When the resolution is adopted there will be no ambiguity of terms, and it will specifically apply not only to Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft, but also to Governor Wilson, who is to become President. I regard it as probable that the resolution may be amended so as to provide for one term of six years for Mr. Wilson, and if this happens the entire question, both as to the ineligibility of Presidents for re-election and the two years' additional tenure for Mr. Wilson, would be decided by the people of the several states."

Hopes to See Adoption.

"I hope to see the adoption of the resolution before March 4, and if it is not reached in regular order the Judiciary Committee will ask to have a special rule making it privileged."

Chairman Henry of the House Rules Committee is understood to be in accord with Chairman Clayton, both as to the one-term proposition and the extension of Governor Wilson's term for two years, which would make the incoming Democratic Executive the first recipient of the proposed longer tenure of office.

President Taft has intimated that the President should have one term of six years, and the Democrats are inclined to count on his approval of the suggested change.

"MR. CONVENTION" FOUND

Telegraph Co. at Last Delivers Cable Message to Suffragists.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—An amusing incident of the closing session of the convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association was the reading of a cable message of congratulation from Rotterdam, Holland. The message was addressed "Mr. Convention."

Warning Son, Shoots Him

Revolver He Was Cleaning Goes Off as Mother Takes It.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 26.—Remarking to her son, Boice Steelman, upon the danger of having loaded revolvers in the house, Mrs. Wesley Steelman, of Seaside, picked up one of the two revolvers her son was cleaning. She had barely lifted the weapon from the table when the hammer fell. There was an explosion, and Boice doubled up with a shriek and fell to the floor. The bullet from the revolver had pierced his abdomen. Mrs. Steelman was so unstrung by the accident that she fell unconscious across her son's body.

Neighbors heard the report and rushed into the house. After learning of the trouble they called an automobile and sent the boy to the hospital in this city. It is feared he will die as a result of the wound.

"A Test of Railroad Efficiency."

Read this advertisement on page two.—Adv.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF SMALL BOYS.
J. Frank Hickey (seated) and Chief of Police Ray R. Gillson of Lackawanna, N. Y. (standing).



HICKEY IS BROUGHT HERE

Man Indicted for Murder of Seven-Year-Old "Joey" Josephs and Alleged To Be the Writer of the "Murder Confession" Postcards.

Ray Gillson, police chief of Lackawanna, the Buffalo suburb, in which seven-year-old "Joey" Josephs was murdered during October, 1911, brought J. Frank Hickey, the man who was indicted for the murder last week by an Erie County grand jury, to New York last night, and will take him this morning to Buffalo to face trial.

District Attorney Wesley C. Dudley of Erie County, who obtained Hickey's extradition from New Jersey, where he was arrested last week, met Chief Gillson and his prisoner here last night, and went with them to Police Headquarters.

Captain Cary, of the Brooklyn Detective Bureau, met Hickey at Manhattan Headquarters and identified him as the man who was arrested in Buffalo ten years ago under suspicion in connection with

the murder of Michael Krucke, the newsboy, whose body was found in Central Park.

Hickey's counsel, who had contemplated fighting the extradition on the ground that public sentiment in Buffalo was so aroused that Hickey could not get a fair trial there now, was prevailed upon to withdraw his opposition yesterday, and Acting Governor John D. Prince signed the papers. Hickey made the trip from Trenton to Tom's River, N. J., where Hickey had been held awaiting extradition, by automobile, and brought his prisoner up by train late yesterday afternoon.

Both Dudley and Gillson say they are thoroughly satisfied they have the right man, and Mr. Dudley said his trial would be started as quickly as possible.

BEGAN WORK FOR 75 CENTS A WEEK; DIES OWNING 22 MILLS AND \$25,000,000

Robert Knight, of Providence, Largest Cotton Manufacturer in World, Dead at 86.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Providence, R. I., Nov. 26.—Robert Knight, millionaire, Providence's richest man and the world's most extensive cotton goods manufacturer, died at his home here this morning, in his eighty-sixth year, from general debility, hastened by an attack of bronchial trouble for a few days. Up to less than a week ago he had been actively interested in his manufacturing plants in this state and Massachusetts.

Robert Knight was one of the most remarkable and successful men of his time. Beginning work in the Sprague Print Works at Cranston at the age of eight for a weekly wage of 75 cents, he managed in the succeeding seventy-eight years to become the owner of twenty-two mills and was reputed to be the possessor of \$25,000,000. One of the twenty-two factories he acquired a number of years prior to his death was the printery at Cranston in which he began his career.

With the acquisition of the mills and the mill properties the firm of B. B. & R. Knight, which in later years consisted only of Robert Knight, became the owner of a dozen villages and many large tracts of farm land in and about its villages. To the ownership of all of this Robert Knight succeeded, and at the time of his death he was not only the largest individual owner of cotton mills in the world, but was perhaps the greatest landed proprietor in Rhode Island, if not in New England. For several years he had been Providence's heaviest individual taxpayer, the valu-

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Two Days to Rout Crooks
Burns Tells Church Club He Can Clean New York.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Elizabeth, N. J., Nov. 26.—"In forty-eight hours, if I had the power, I could clean up New York of the grafters, crooks and gunmen," said Detective W. J. Burns in a speech before two hundred men assembled at the fifth annual dinner of the Men's Club of St. Paul's Church at the Westfield Theatre this evening. "It is the easiest thing in the world to eliminate vice in a city."

The Rev. Charles P. Tinker, a chaplain in the Tombs Prison, of New York, boomed District Attorney Whitman for Mayor, his assistant, Mr. Moss, for District Attorney, and Detective Burns for Police Commissioner.

HE'S A FATHER AT NINETY

And Will Spend His Declining Years Rocking Baby.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Bartlesville, Okla., Nov. 26.—William Castlebury, ninety years old and almost blind, will spend his declining years in rocking a baby to sleep, a daughter having just been born to him. His wife is thirty-six years old.

Castlebury surprised his children and grandchildren when he got married, a year ago. He had been a widower for years, and is a wealthy retired farmer. His children believed he could not properly care for his business interests and induced the court to appoint a son his guardian.

TWELVE INDICTED AS \$5,000,000 BOOK SWINDLERS

Four Arrests Include James J. Farmer, Head of Anglo-American Authors' Ass'n, and Son, Star Salesman.

EACH HELD IN \$5,000 BAIL

Charged with Using Mails to Defraud in Sale of Alleged de Luxe Editions, as Result of Inquiry Started by Civil Suit of a Victim.

WANTED \$42,977 RETURNED

Experts Said This Represented Overcharge on Bill of \$46,500—Chief Postoffice Inspector Estimates Fruits of Three Short Years.

A gigantic fraud in de luxe editions, alleged to have netted nearly \$5,000,000 to the conspirators, was charged in an indictment returned yesterday by the federal grand jury against James J. Farmer, president of the Anglo-American Authors' Association; Glen Farmer, his son and star salesman, and ten other men.

Thus far only four arrests have been made. James J. Farmer and Glen Farmer were held in \$5,000 bail each, while Colonel William J. Hartley and William H. Scott, who have acted as salesmen, furnished \$2,500 bail each after surrendering to the postoffice inspectors.

Civil Suit Started Probe.

The indictment, which charged using the mails to defraud in a scheme to sell de luxe editions, was the outcome of a civil action brought recently in the United States District Court by Mrs. Emma Bird, a rich widow, of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Bird obtained a verdict from the jury for \$42,977 against Farmer and his company, on alleged "rare" volumes which she had purchased for \$46,500. The disclosures made during the trial of Mrs. Bird's action led to an investigation by the federal authorities, which unveiled the alleged gigantic fraud now charged.

Testimony of book experts who were called on behalf of Mrs. Bird showed that the books sold by the Farmer concern were worth only one-fifth to one-twelfth of the prices charged.

The case was worked up by postoffice inspectors, H. A. Barber, Hugh McQuillan, Nathan Nolle, William Swain and William Kenyon. They said that among the victims of the conspirators was a woman well known in New York for her contributions to charity, an octogenarian, who suffered a nervous breakdown when she learned the volumes for which she had paid \$130,000 were worth less than \$20,000.

Warren W. Dickson, chief inspector, said the investigation, although incomplete as yet, had disclosed that Farmer and his associates had netted nearly \$5,000,000 since December, 1909, when they first started operations.

Many Victims of Prominence.

Besides Mrs. Bird and the aged New York woman many well known people throughout the country appear to have been victims of the alleged swindle, the postoffice inspectors said. They declared their list of victims included Mrs. James A. Patten, of Chicago, wife of the wheat and cotton operator, who paid for "rare" volumes \$300,000; Mrs. Durand, wife of the founder of Wellesley College, who paid \$100,000; a Mr. Moore, of Greensburg, Penn., who invested \$150,000 in the Farmer de luxe editions; a Mr. Sellers, of Philadelphia, who contributed \$100,000; Clinton S. Martin, a merchant in this city, who took only \$8,500 worth of books, and Jesse Watson, who paid \$5,000 to Farmer.

The scheme of selling these de luxe editions was varied by the conspirators according to the characteristics of the prospective purchasers, Chief Dickson said. In many cases they used the simple expedient of representing that the volumes were exceedingly rare and in high demand, he explained. Glen Farmer, who appeared to have been the star salesman for the enterprise, was able to make social associations and get introductions which opened to him the doors of the rich people who were inaccessible to book agents. In the case of Mrs. Bird it was testified that he had been introduced to her by a former Governor of Utah.

When the display of the "rare" books and autographed works failed to impress the customer that the volumes were worth the price demanded, another method was used, the inspectors said. The customer was informed that a millionaire book lover, just then in Europe or at some other distant point, had placed an order with the Anglo-American Authors' Association to buy for him the very collection now offered. It was only a question of a short time, the agent would explain, when the absent millionaire would return and would be only too willing to buy the books at a considerably higher price.

Awaiting Prospective Purchaser.

When a deal was closed on such a representation the purchaser became impatient now and then, and demanded that the mysterious millionaire show up